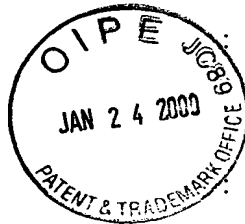


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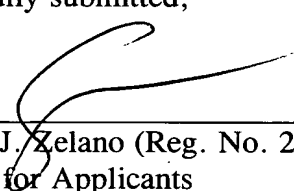
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In response to the Requirement for Restriction and Election of Species mailed
December 17, 1999, applicants hereby elect group I, with traverse.

The Examiner has not provided evidence that an undue searching burden would be
required in order to search all of the claims. Furthermore, the claims of both groups do
comply with PCT Rule 13.1 because they do have corresponding special technical features in
that the underlying measurements are based on remanent magnetization.

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